



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia recently celebrated the 400th anniversary of the landing at Jamestown, and the Commonwealth looks forward to beginning a new century of partnership and service with our vibrant business community; and

WHEREAS, Virginia businesses play a pivotal role in strengthening our Commonwealth by embracing diversity, integrating technology into their business operations, and by preserving the economic well-being and safety of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of all our businesses, including our many small businesses that contribute greatly to the economic diversity of our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Business Appreciation Week offers the citizens of the Commonwealth with a unique opportunity to recognize Virginia businesses for the pivotal role that they play in continuing to move Virginia forward; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Business Appreciation Week 2008 is "The State of Small Business", and this focus enables us to celebrate the many ways in which our small businesses positively impact state and local government, major industries, as well the lives of individuals in communities throughout Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize May 11-17, 2008, as **BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth